

Appendix E. General Resources

The following list includes key organizations involved in various aspects of small scale farm viability and farmland preservation in California.

Organizations

Research and Farmer Education Institutions

UC Small Farm Center (Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources) Davis www.sfc.ucdavis.edu	Serves as a clearinghouse for questions from farmers, marketers, farm advisors, trade associations, government officials and agencies, and the academic community. Organizes and coordinates statewide conferences and workshops; publishes manuals and other publications about small scale farming.
UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources) Davis www.sarep.ucdavis.edu	Provides leadership and support for scientific research and education in agricultural and food systems that are economically viable, conserve natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's communities.
UC Cooperative Extension, Santa Clara County Office, San Jose http://cesantaclara.ucdavis.edu/	Statewide, UCCE works toward the development and protection of the state's land, resources and people. Includes more than 400 campus-based specialists and county-based farm, home, and youth advisors.
UC Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems Santa Cruz http://zzyx.ucsc.edu/casfs/index.html	A research, education, and public service program dedicated to increasing ecological sustainability and social justice in the food and agriculture system. On the UCSC campus, the Center operates the 2-acre Alan Chadwick Garden and the 25-acre Farm. Both sites are managed using organic production methods and serve as research, teaching, and training facilities for students, staff, and faculty.
USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education www.sare.org	Serves farmers, ranchers, researchers, and consumers. Provides grants and information to Improve Profitability, Stewardship and Quality of Life.

Organic and Small Farm Marketing Programs

California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) www.ccof.org	Offers a premier national and international organic certification program for growers, processors, handlers, and retailers.
Marin Organics www.marinorganic.org	A cooperative association of Marin County organic producers dedicated to improving farming practices, promoting the ethical, creative, and patient enterprise of sustainable agriculture, and encouraging a preference for locally produced food. Provides certification and workshops for farmers and education programs for retailers about organic foods.
AgTourism Workgroup Davis http://groups.ucanr.org/Ag_Tour/	Facilitates research and extension education activities that add to the rural and agricultural sectors through the development of agri-and nature-tourism.
CDFA California Organic Program Sacramento http://www.cdca.ca.gov/is/fveqc/organic.htm	Certifies California farmers as organic. Protects producers, handlers, processors, retailers and consumers of organic food sold in California by assuring that foods labeled as organic are, in fact, organic.
CDFA Certified Farmers' Market Program Sacramento www.cdca.ca.gov/is/fveqc/cfmprogram.htm	Certifies California farmers and farmers' markets to sell direct to consumers. Verifies that each farmer is selling products that they themselves have grown or produced.
Local Harvest	LocalHarvest maintains a definitive and reliable "living" public

http://www.localharvest.org/	nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets, and other local food sources. Our search engine, built entirely over Open Source software components, helps people find local sources of sustainably grown food, and encourages them to establish direct contact with family farms in their local area.
<i>Small Farm Advocacy and Education</i>	
Community Alliance with Family Farmers Davis www.caff.org	A nonprofit that is building a movement of rural and urban people to foster family-scale agriculture that cares for the land, sustains local economies and promotes social justice. Program areas include Biological Farming, Community Food Systems and Economic Options, and Risk Management
Ecological Farming Association Watsonville www.eco-farm.org	Hosts conferences and workshops on various sustainable agriculture topics. The main activity is organizing the annual Ecological Farming Conference, now in its 25 th year. Held at Asilomar every January, this conference attracts over 1,000 farmers, researchers, educators, and marketers.
<i>Farm Succession and Farmer Training</i>	
California FarmLink Sebastopol, Davis www.farmlink.org	A non-profit organization that builds family farming and conserves farmland in California by linking aspiring and retiring farmers, and by promoting techniques and disseminating information that facilitate intergenerational farm transitions. Resources include workshops, case studies, and linkage services between retiring and aspiring farmers.
Agriculture and Land-Based Training Program Salinas www.albafarmers.org	A non-profit organization that promotes economically viable agricultural production that concurrently protects the environment through sustainable methods. Two programs, the Rural Development Center (RDC) and the Farmer Training and Research Center (FTRC), offer resources, technical assistance, education, training, and information access to families and individuals who aspire to become independent farmers.
<i>Other Organizations</i>	
Great Valley Center Modesto www.greatvalley.org	A non-profit organization working to make the Great Central Valley a better place to live. GVC's staff provides extensive resources, technical assistance, and information in areas such as Leadership Development, Agriculture, Resources, Economic Development, Technology, and Youth Leadership.
Wild Farm Alliance Watsonville www.wildfarmalliance.org	Promotes a healthy, viable agriculture that helps protect and restore wild Nature. Resources include: briefing papers, biodiversity articles, and events.
<i>Land Trusts</i>	
Marin Ag. Land Trust (MALT)	www.malt.org
Brentwood Ag. Land Trust (BALT)	(925) 516-5405
Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)	www.openspacetrust.org
Tri-Valley Conservancy	http://easement.addr.com/tvc/index.html
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District	www.sonoma-county.org/opensp
Capay Valley Vision	www.capayvalleyvision.org
Solano Land Trust	www.solanolandtrust.org

Publications: A sampling of publications of utility and relevance to the Coyote Valley Greenbelt

Agritourism and Nature in California: A How-To Manual for Farmers and Ranchers
University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2002

*Building Better Rural Places: Federal Programs for Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry, Entrepreneurship, Conservation, and Community Development*²⁶
A publication of USDA in collaboration with The Michael Fields Agricultural Institute and the National Center for Appropriate Technology, 2004

2004-2005 California Agricultural Directory
California Farm Bureau Federation, 2004

California Agriculture: Dimensions and Issues
UC Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2003

Farmland Protection Action Guide
Institute for Local Self-Government, 2002

The Feasibility of Maintaining & Enhancing Agriculture in Santa Clara County
AgInnovations Network, October 2001

Feasibility Study for Urban Edge Agricultural Parks
Produced by Sustainable Agriculture Education 2004
Urban Edge Agricultural Parks are envisioned as entities that would facilitate secured land tenancy by multiple small farmers, and provide fresh food and an aesthetic, educational, and environmental amenity for nearby communities. The Study investigated organizational models, funding sources, farmer demand, and potential projects in the Bay Area. It also produced preliminary concepts for three specific sites, two owned by regional parks districts and a third being planned as an urban-rural buffer. Partners for those sites have similar goals of continuing agriculture, incorporating recreation and education, and creating linkages with surrounding urban communities.

Hedgerows for California Agriculture: A Resource Guide
Community Alliance with Family Farmers, 2004

2005 Trends in Agricultural Land and Lease Values
California Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, 2005

Working Landscape Plan
Tri-Valley Business Council- Agriculture Water Taskforce, Working Draft, January 2005

²⁶ This publication includes USDA funding resources for sustainable agriculture and farmland conservation, but other sources exist as well. The Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Wellness Foundation, and the Cal Endowment are some of the major funders in this field.